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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114  
(Request For Continued Examination)

Dear Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action Mailed January 27, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed March 23, 2006 in response to the Request For Reconsideration filed March 14, 2006, kindly reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments to the claims and accompanying remarks.